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BRITISH CAPTURE JERUSALEM TURK CAMPAIGN COLLAPSES

SURROUND ALL SIDES HOLY CITY

In The Hands Of Mohammedans 1200 Years

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 10—After being surrounded on all sides, Jerusalem has surrendered to the British.

The chancellor said that British, French and Mohammedan representatives were on the way to Jerusalem to safeguard the holy places.

The chancellor said that General Allenby expected to enter Jerusalem officially tomorrow, accompanied by the commanders of the French and Italian contingents.

The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces marks the end, with two brief interludes, of more than 1,200 years' possession of the great seat of the Christian religion by the Mohammedans. For 673 years, the Holy City has been in undisputed ownership of the Turks, the Christian ruler of Jerusalem being the German emperor, Frederick II., whose short-lived domination lasted from 1229 to 1244.

Apart from its connection with the campaign being waged against Turkey by the British, the fall of Jerusalem indicates the definite collapse of the long-protracted efforts of the Turks to capture the Suez canal and invade Egypt.

There had been no hint from either official or unofficial sources as to a British intention to undertake a definite invasion of the Holy Land and it was with surprise that the world learned on March 7 last that the British forces had captured El Khullif, 15 miles south of Jerusalem. El Khullif is the modern name of ancient Hebron.

In sentimental and romantic aspect, the recapture of Jerusalem far exceeds the fall of fable-crowned Baghdad. The modern city of Jerusalem contains about 60,000 inhabitants and is the home of pestilence, filth and fever, but in historic interest it naturally surpasses, to the Christian world, all other places in the world.

Ankenytown Man's Nephew Who Was Lost On The Jacob Jones

—Courtesy Newark Advocate.



ARCH B. LEEDY
Arch B. Leedy, machinist's mate on the ill-fated Jacob Jones, whose sinking was reported Saturday, is a son of Dennis Leedy of Newark—a native of Knox county—and a nephew of William H. Leedy of Ankenytown. Dispatches to date do not mention young Leedy as among the survivors.

Since the days when Joshua wrested it from the hands of the Jebusites to make it the capital of the Jewish race, Jerusalem has been the prize and prey of half the races of the world. It has passed successively into the hands of the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, Persians, Arabs, Turks and the motley crowds of the Crusaders, finally to fall before the descendants of that Richard the Lion Hearted who strove in vain for its possession more than 700 years ago.

OPERATION BY U. S. IS GAINING GROUND

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Government operation of railroads as the way out of the present transportation difficulty seemed to be gaining ground today among most of the officials upon whom President Wilson is depending for advice on the subject.

BUSINESS MEN ACT AS GRAVE-DIGGERS

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

HALIFAX, Dec. 10—A regiment of business and professional men was set to work today digging graves for the 1,200 bodies recovered from the ruins.

An estimate of 4,000 dead, regarded as too high by many officials last Saturday night, was today more generally accepted as most nearly approaching the exact figure.

NEW EXPLOSION NEARLY OCCURS NEAR HALIFAX

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

Halifax, Dec. 10—The deck cargo of the British steamer Pictou, laden with munitions, caught fire last night and only the quick work of a Halifax company of riflemen prevented another big explosion in the harbor. The men boarded the ship, threw the burning cargo overboard and checked the flames before they could spread to the holds. The vessel was then taken to sea today and sunk.

PLENTY OF STEEL

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The government's war program is assured of all the steel necessary, the war industries board was told today by representatives of the country's largest steel mills.

FRENCH STEAMER CAUSE?

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

HALIFAX, Dec. 10—Members of the crew of the Belgian steamer Imo assert that the French munitions steamer Mont Blanc was to blame for the collision which caused Thursday's explosion.

NEW TREASURY ASSISTANT

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—Thomas B. Lowe of Dallas, Tex., was nominated today to be assistant secretary of the treasury to fill one of the new offices created for the war.

PROHIBITS TO SELECT STATE TICKET SOON

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
COLUMBUS, Dec. 10—The prohibition party of Ohio will hold a state convention here January 18 and 19 and select a ticket for state officers, to be nominated by petition, according to announcement made here today.

POOL MEASURE WILL END COAL DEARTH IN OHIO

Drastic Step Entails Union Of All Shippers, Disregarding Set Rules.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
CLEVELAND, Dec. 10—What is by far the most drastic fuel release measure yet approved by the federal and Ohio fuel administrations has been utilized by State Fuel Administrator Johnson in what is technically termed "a pooling arrangement," which practically entails a complete union of all coal shippers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Michigan with a radical disregard of all iron-clad rules which heretofore have governed the shipping of coal by railroads. The plan has the approval of Fuel Administrator Garfield. The measure, it is predicted, will bring an end to the coal crisis in Cleveland and other cities in Ohio.

SUFFS GATHER IN WASHINGTON

Plan Big Drive On Congress To Put Over Amendment Now Pending.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—A meeting of the executive council today and a congressional conference tomorrow formed the preliminary work of the 49th annual convention of the National Woman Suffrage association, which formally opens here Wednesday. Nearly 1,000 delegates, including several women officials from suffrage states, are in Washington for the convention which is expected to devote its energies largely to the fight for the suffrage amendment now pending in congress.

HUNGARY TAKES 200 PRISONERS

Bridge-Head On Piave Delta Is Stormed, Claims A Berlin Announcement.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
BERLIN, Dec. 10—Hungary infantry in the Piave delta yesterday stormed the Italian bridgehead on the Sile river and took more than 200 Italian prisoners.

Military officials of the central powers have signed an armistice with the Russian and Rumanian armies on the Dniester river and the mouth of the Danube, the war office announced today.

GERMANS NABBED AT HALIFAX

Officials Mum; Es- timate Of Dead Is 1200

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

HALIFAX, Dec. 10—Wholesale arrests of German residents of Halifax were begun by the police today. This action was taken under instruction from the military authorities.

Sixteen Germans were taken into custody within a short time. Militia officials, after an inquiry, released a few of them. The others are in the county jail.

The authorities refused to disclose whether they had obtained evidence associating the Germans with the explosion. A number of citizens of German birth heretofore had been allowed full liberty with the exception that they were required to report once a month.

Revised figures, issued today regarding casualties, were as follows:

Known Dead—1,200.
Unaccounted For—2,000.
Dead that have been identified—900.
Wounded—8,000.
Homeless—25,000.

Daybreak today found Halifax rapidly emerging from the chaos into which the city was plunged by the explosion. The successive snow and rain storms which followed the disaster greatly hampered efforts to alleviate the suffering of the thousands of injured and homeless people, but the return of fair weather yesterday made possible more systematic work.

All relief agencies now have been coordinated. Enough doctors and nurses have reached the city to take care of the hospital duties. A considerable quantity of supplies already has arrived and more are on the way so that the danger of famine has been averted and there is ample clothing for all. The supplies must be carefully conserved, however, and the authorities today were doing their best to enforce the requests published yesterday that non-residents here on urgent business should leave the city and that others should not come here for the present.

The work of repairing the innumerable damaged buildings was well under way.

Burial of the victims of the explosion and fire last Thursday was begun today.

"Men wanted immediately at Fairview cemetery." This advertisement in the morning papers called attention to still another problem—finding men to dig graves for the hundreds of dead.

Health authorities, working in co-operation with the general relief committee, made it plain that burial must not be delayed.

Laborers were assigned to the cemeteries and men who never had expected to do that sort of work assisted in the task.

Little groups of sorrowful people went silently to the cemeteries adjacent to the Richmond district, utterly wiped out by flames, and laid away the dead without friends in attendance and with the commitment rights omitted. There were not enough ministers to officiate for all. There were not enough pall-bearers and not enough hearses. The dead were laid away with none there but the folks from homes now but a mass of ruins.

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COLDEST WAVE IN THIRTY YEARS GRIPPING OHIO

Three Deaths At Cleveland And Three At Springfield; Coal Shortage Acute.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

COLUMBUS, Dec. 10—With temperatures ranging from two to eight below zero in all sections of the state, Ohio today experienced the coldest December weather since 1880 when the mercury dropped to 12° below zero.

Three deaths at Cleveland and three at Springfield were reported, due to the excessive cold. The coal shortage was acute in most cities of the state, many people having been unable to get any coal at all, due to the coal shortage. Great suffering was reported among the tenement districts of the larger cities.

STRIKE IMPAIRS CAR MOVEMENT

Interurban Trainmen De- mand Wage Raise Of Eight Cents And Are Refused.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10—Two hundred interurban trainmen of the Cleveland, Southwestern & Columbus Railway went on strike today following a vote taken yesterday after company officials had refused to grant a pay increase of eight cents an hour. The strike will cripple transportation facilities in many northern Ohio towns.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MEANS IS ENDED WITHIN HOUR'S TIME

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 10—Cross-examination of Gaston B. Means, at his trial for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was concluded today within an hour after the defendant resumed the stand.

On re-direct examination, Means was permitted by the state to read an itemized account of receipts and disbursements made by him for Mrs. King during August and part of September, 1915, the first month he was associated with her as her business manager.

TRENCHES RETAKEN BY ITALIAN ARMY

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

ROME, December 10—Observation trenches which had been lost by the Italians east of Capo Sile on the lower Piave line, have been retaken by the Italian forces.

CIVIL WAR BURSTS IN RUSSIA

Kaledines And Companions Drive On Moscow

(Compiled from Associated Press Reports)

Civil war has broken out in Russia and the Bolshevik regime apparently will be put to the test. The Petrograd government has issued a proclamation announcing that Generals Kaledines, Korniloff and Dutoff have begun a revolt in southeastern European Russia.

The Bolshevik government declares that the Constitutional Democrats are assisting the hetman of the Don Cossacks and his fellow-military leaders, who are said to aim at cutting off food supplies and at seizing power from the Black Sea to the Ural mountains as well as in the Caucasus. Bolshevik troops have been ordered to take the field against the counter-revolutionists.

General Kaledines is said to be collecting his forces and it is inferred that their objectives include Moscow. General Dutoff is leading the revolt in the province of Orenburg and is endeavoring to cut the trans-Siberian railway at Tcheliabinsk. Two towns in the Caucasus are besieged by forces under General Karauloff.

RUMANIA ENTERS ARMISTICE FOR 3-MONTHS TIME

Germans Accept All Condi- tions Save One Dealing With Transfer Of Troops.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

JASSY, Rumania, Dec. 10—It is understood that an armistice for three months between the German and Rumanian forces taking in also the Russians on the Rumanian front, has been agreed upon. All the conditions proposed by the Rumanians were accepted by the Germans with the exception of one, prohibiting the transfer of troops to other fronts in regard to which negotiations are still being carried on.

FARM LOAN INTEREST IS INCREASED TODAY

(By Associated Press to The Banner)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The federal farm loan board today announced an increase in interest rates to farmers from 5 to 5½%. A new arrangement probably will be concluded soon under which farm loan bonds bearing 4½% interest will be sold by the federal land bank at a premium less than the 1½% now charged.